

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species from the following:

1. Species I, embodied by claims 1-26, 66, and 67;
2. Species II, embodied by claims 27-46;
3. Species III, embodied by claims 47-61, and 71;
4. Species IV, embodied by claims 62-64;
5. Species V, embodied by claim 65; and
6. Species VI, embodied by claims 68-70.

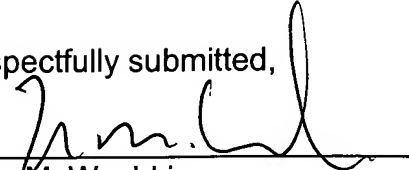
In response, the applicants elect Species II without traverse. Claims 1-26 and 47-71 have been withdrawn without prejudice to consideration of these claims upon allowance of a generic claim. The foregoing election is made with the understanding that the Examiner and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are now bound to the finding of non-obviousness between each of the species.

Upon allowance of any generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

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